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on Wednesday, 19 February 1992, at 12.45 p.m.

President:	Mr. PICKERING	(United States of America)
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The meeting was called to order at 12.45 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

LETTER DATED 17 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/23604)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the request contained in the letter dated 17 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, document S/23604.

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The members of the Council are deeply concerned about the renewed and rising cycle of violence in southern Lebanon and elsewhere in the region. The Council deplores in particular the recent killings and the continued violence which threatens to claim additional lives and to destabilize the region further.

(The President)

"The members of the Council call upon all those involved to exercise maximum restraint in order to bring such violence to an end. They reaffirm their commitment to the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries as set out in resolution 425 (1978). In this context, they assert that any State shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

"The members of the Council express their continued support for all efforts to bring peace to the region on the basis of resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973). The members of the Council urge all the parties concerned to work vigorously to enhance the ongoing peace process."

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.